

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (original): An acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like  
2 food comprising an esterified compound composed of a starch  
3 or a hydrolysate thereof and an alkenylsuccinic acid, and a  
4 thickening polysaccharide, wherein the content of protein is  
5 less than 0.5% by mass.

1 Claim 2 (original): The acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like  
2 food according to claim 1, further comprising an edible fat  
3 and oil, edible vinegar, salt and seasoning.

1 Claim 3 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3 content of the esterified compound is 0.1 to 5.0% by mass of  
4 the total mass of the acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like  
5 food.

1 Claim 4 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the  
3 content of the thickening polysaccharide is 0.01 to 2.5% by  
4 mass of the total mass of the acidic emulsified mayonnaise-  
5 like food.

1 Claim 5 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified  
2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the mass  
3 ratio of the esterified compound to the thickening

polysaccharide [(mass of the esterified compound):(mass of the thickening polysaccharide)] is from 2:1 to 10:1.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the esterified compound is an esterified compound composed of potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an alkenylsuccinic acid and has a degree of substitution of ester groups from 0.005 to 0.020.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the esterified compound consists of an esterified compound composed of potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an alkenylsuccinic acid, and an esterified compound composed of waxy cornstarch or a hydrolysate thereof and alkenylsuccinic acid, and has a degree of substitution of ester groups from 0.005 to 0.020.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the alkenylsuccinic acid is octenylsuccinic acid.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the thickening polysaccharide is xanthan gum.

Claim 10 (canceled)